

ETERNAL REWARDS

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from the President

Legacy and Leverage. These are the two words that best capture what all of us are looking for with regard to our lives and our dollars. We would like to leave something that will last beyond the boundaries of this world—that's **Legacy**. And we would like to find a way to multiply the impact of our dollars instead of simply making another donation—that's **Leverage**.

One way to experience the power of **Leverage** is by investing in Christian institutions that "train the trainers." And at Grace we are training some of God's best to become pastors, missionaries, Christian educators, and parachurch leaders. Because we strive to keep our education affordable (tuition costs are about ¼ of the typical charge), we are also attracting many students who are already in ministry but have never had sufficient funds to get formal training.

Theophilus Berry is a case in point. Theophilus pastors a thriving African-American church in Northeast Houston. His giftedness is apparent to anyone who visits his church, but Theophilus has never had the funds to pursue a theological education until he found Grace. He agrees with the principle that no trainer can take anyone deeper than he is, and that's why he is committed to go deeper with Grace's help. And that's **Leverage**, folks -- training the trainers.

One more way Grace offers **Leverage** for our dollars is through Face to Face, a new video-conferencing

technology that enables us to more effectively serve our current satellite campus students and to widen the scope of our influence globally.

Just to give you a hint at the potential, we recently received a call from a major Christian institution in a foreign country expressing interest in a joint venture with us that would enable their theological students to earn their masters degrees. They have hundreds of students. Talk about **Leverage**.

But all this will be for naught if we do not receive accreditation. You can help. Every gift truly makes a difference in our efforts to meet accreditation standards, so please pray about joining the team of faithful supporters who are making this vision a reality. We know there are a multitude of Christian causes competing for your donations. We are only one. But we do think we have a unique opportunity that offers both **Legacy** and **Leverage**.

Dave Anderson

Dr. Dave Anderson,
President
Grace School of Theology



Training Time!

At Grace, we're training up Masters in Ministry. Our masters degree programs are uniquely designed to provide biblically sound theological teaching in conjunction with practical ministry training. We are seeing the ripples of Grace's teaching spread farther every day through the

work of students involved in full-time, part-time, or volunteer service within local churches and parachurch ministries. We're proud to introduce you to just a few of our students who are already impacting the world with the training they are receiving at Grace.



Ryan Robinson
ThM Program

Current Ministry: Deacon, Harlingen Bible Church
Hometown: Harlingen, TX
Degree: Master of Theology

What Brought You to Grace: The Sound Theology. Ryan says, "I love grace, and I love that it is central to the teachings at Grace School of Theology."

How Has Grace Helped You Be a More Effective Ministry Leader: "Grace School of Theology is equipping me to understand biblical truths, and then to stand firmly on them."



Theophilus Berry
MABS Program

Current Ministry: Pastor, Greater True Light Missionary Baptist Church
Hometown: Humble, TX
Program: Master of Arts in Biblical Studies

What Brought You to Grace: The Accessibility. Theophilus says, "What brought me to Grace was a passion to have access to biblical training for myself and my church workers."

How Has Grace Helped You Be a More Effective Ministry Leader: "Communicating with the leadership has opened up a chance for me to talk about my goals in ministry and to work toward achieving them."



Frederick Coleman
MDiv Program

Current Ministry: Youth Pastor, Concord Church
Hometown: Tomball, TX
Program: Master of Divinity

What Brought You to Grace: The Ministry Training. Frederick says, "My pastor always insists that a person invest in his or her trade. So at his urging and in God's timing, I enrolled at Grace."

How Has Grace Helped You Be a More Effective Ministry Leader: "It has enabled me to go deeper into the Word of God and to preach with clarity. I have met amazing men and women of God and experienced the benefits of an intimate classroom setting."



Pastor Theophilus Berry expounds on how the Grace experience has blessed his life and ministry:

"Last spring was my first semester and what a feeling. I feel that this is where I belong. This educational experience has had the three "E" effect on me. It first has **ENLIGHTENED** me about some things I didn't know. It is hard for you not to learn sitting in a class with Dr. Anderson. Secondly, Grace has helped me by **ENHANCING** that which I already knew. I have taken a few courses prior to arriving at Grace plus the things that I had learned by default with nearly fourteen years of experience serving as a pastor in two churches. Lastly, Grace has **ENCOURAGED** me to want to know and grow more in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."



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TRUTH

\$ Priceless

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

Truth. It's hard to put a price tag on it.

At Grace, we see its value every day in the training we provide for our students. It's our unwavering goal to equip them with truth so they might share it with a world that needs it now more than ever.



But providing the quality of education Grace offers does not come cheap. Our instructors are world-class, and our Face to Face delivery method is cutting edge. These are investments we have made because we are committed to provide only the best for our students.

Quality is a priority for Grace, but our leadership is equally committed to affordability. With most seminaries charging more than \$300 per credit hour, the average ministry leader today simply cannot afford the training they need.

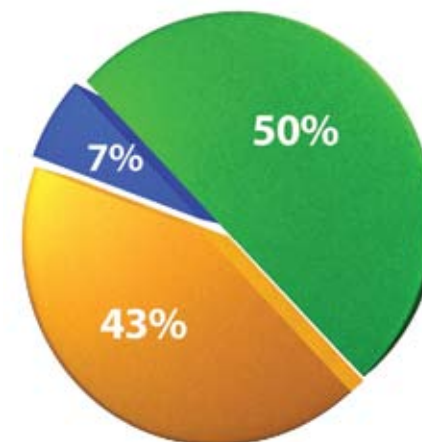
That's where Grace comes in. Through the faithful support of people like you, we have been able to provide masters level training at a tuition rate of \$100 per credit hour.

Providing this level of affordability requires good stewardship and faithful support. So we invite you to consider what truth is worth to you.

Imagine how our world would change if our pulpits, legislatures, businesses, and homes were filled with men and women of truth. You have the power to make that a reality by investing in Grace.

Join us in engaging the next generation in free grace and truth. The impact is eternal, and the rewards are priceless.

SUPPORT GRACE TODAY: visit www.gsof.org/donate or complete the enclosed support envelope.



FISCAL UPDATE FOR 2010-2011 YEAR TO DATE

TUITION & FEES	RECEIVED YTD:	\$18,106	\$150,000
	REMAINING EXPECTED:	\$131,894	
ANNUAL FUND GIFTS & PLEDGES	RECEIVED YTD:	\$212,465	\$1,070,565
	ADDITIONAL PLEDGES:	\$858,100	
URGENTLY NEEDED GIFTS	FUNDS STILL NEEDED:	\$929,435	\$929,435
OPERATING EXPENSES	Projected Budget for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011		\$2,150,000

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Tuesday, November 9, 2010
The Woodlands Marriott Hotel

Program also includes a Special Greeting from Dr. Jay Quine

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FEATURING:
Guest Speaker,
Kelly Shackelford

Mr. Shackelford is President/CEO of *Liberty Institute* and was recently named one of the 25 greatest attorneys of the past quarter century by *Texas Lawyer Magazine*.

During this event an appeal will be made to support the work of Grace School of Theology.